

May 14, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee

FROM: Councilmember Matt Orlando, Chandler, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 21, 1998, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
MAG Office - Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Please bring your parking ticket with you and we will validate it at the meeting.

The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee will meet at the above time and place. Please call Carol Kratz at the MAG office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of February 19, 1998, and April 16, 1998 Meeting Minutes
3. Report on Public Input Meeting Held Thursday, April 23, 1998 and Human Services Needs Information

Enclosed is summarized information gathered from televised public hearing, the 24-hour telephone line and e-mails received concerning our problems and funding for the next fiscal year. The Maricopa County Needs Assessment results will also be presented.

2. For approval of the February 19, 1998 and April 16, 1998 meeting minutes.
3. For information, discussion and possible action.

4. Planning for Potential Reductions in SSBG Funds

DES has informed us that the Administration and the U. S. Senate are recommending a 20% reduction in SSBG funds. If this reduction is not modified by the U. S. House of Representatives, it is possible that our locally planned funds will be reduced by an estimated \$596,593 for contracts beginning on July 1, 1998. HSCC members are asked to advise on how we should address this potential reduction. A list of funding levels is included, indicating past reductions and additions, along with a document related to the reductions. HSTC members suggest deferring action on this item until congressional action is known.

5. Legislative Report

The Legislature is expected to adjourn by the time the HSCC meets. Welfare reform bills are tentatively scheduled for conference committee action on May 14, 1998. Staff will provide a report.

6. Domestic Violence Regional Plan

The City of Phoenix has requested that MAG examine the issue of domestic violence and to develop regional recommendations. The Management Committee has approved the request and the item is scheduled for Regional Council action on May 27, 1998. The following HSTC members have volunteered to serve on the committee: Gloria Hurtado, Arminda Ayala, Karin Bishop, Laura Guild, Tom Canasi, Karen Kurtz, Stuart Kent, Rosemary Ybarra Hernandez, Esther Pineda, Pat Tyrrell and a representative of the Area Agency on Aging who deals with elder victims of domestic violence. HSCC members are asked to

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suggest approaches to addressing this problem, and to volunteer for the committee which will develop the recommendations. The minutes of the April 16, 1998 meeting include the recommended issues for inclusion in the regional plan.

7. Transportation and Welfare Reform

Transportation is seen as one of the major barriers welfare clients face in getting to and from child care and work that is required by the new welfare laws. At the direction of the HSCC, MAG has been involved with this issue testifying before the legislature and supporting the use of TANF Block Grant funds for transportation. At the federal level, there are potential transportation funds (between \$150-250 million) for this purpose in the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). To prepare for this funding, MAG has commissioned a study related to transportation for TANF clients and for elderly and persons with functional limitations. The initial products of this study are beginning to be submitted to MAG for review. The consultant for the study will present information to the Transportation Committee here at MAG. HSCC members are also asked to discuss how we might position our area to effectively compete for these federal funds and to determine whether any members would like to participate on this working group.

8. Call to the Public

Any member of the audience wishing to address the Committee may do so at this time. Under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, no action may be taken at this meeting.

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9. Announcements

- a. The Joint Meeting of the HSTC and HSCC will take place on June 18, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the MAG Office.
- b. Barbara Carpenter has left MAG to pursue other opportunities. Her last day was May 1, 1998. MAG is recruiting for a replacement for Barbara as quickly as possible. HSCC members are asked to forward any potential candidates' resumes to Carol Kratz.

10. Adjourn

9. For information.